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FREE RESEARCH TRAINING FOR GRANT SEEKERS Classes for Nonprofit Organizations and Individuals

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The Santa Barbara Public Library System is offering two free classes in December for grant seekers who want to find foundation funding prospects and maximize efficiency in funding research. Nonprofits and individuals will learn how to find foundations and corporations with a proven commitment to programs and projects like theirs.

On Wednesday, December 7, from 11am to noon, nonprofit organizations will learn how to use the *Foundation Directory Online*, a database of comprehensive information on U.S. grantmakers and their funding activities, available free at the Central Library. The class will be held in the Townley Room of the Central Library, 40 E. Anapamu St. To reserve a seat, RSVP to Brent Field 564-5623 (BField@SantaBarbaraCA.gov).

The following week, on Wednesday, December 14, from 11am to noon, individuals will learn how to use the Foundation Center's other main database, *Foundation Grants to Individuals*, the online resource featuring thousands of foundation and public charity programs that fund students, artists, researchers, and other individual grant seekers. To reserve a seat, RSVP to Brent Field 564-5623 (BField@SantaBarbaraCA.gov).

These two separate 1-hour classes introduce the many ways to find comprehensive, accurate, and timely information on prospective funders with the premier grant seeking tools using online databases of the Foundation Center. The databases are used to identify grant makers in their area of interest, what funding is available, which grant makers are accepting applications, and how to apply. The databases are free and open to use by the public at the Central Library, on Library computers or on personal laptops using the Library's wireless connection.

For more information visit the Library system's web site, www.sbplibrary.org or call the Library Reference Desk at 805-564-5604. If you need special assistance to participate in a class, please contact Library Administration at (805) 564-5608.

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